

24 DEC 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence *Ref* Executive Register
9-9681
SUBJECT: Request by Director of ICA for Unclassified
Intelligence
REFERENCE: Letter to DCI from Director, ICA,
12 December 1957

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI as contained in paragraph 7.
2. The two specific suggestions made by Mr. Smith are directed toward maximization of unclassified intelligence on Bloc economic activities in the Free World. These suggestions do not imply either a new type of unclassified reporting from the field or a new unclassified publication series, but request that as much significant information and intelligence as possible be explicitly designated as unclassified.
3. Rather than seeking an increase in unclassified current information received from the field, I suspect what Mr. Smith really wants are unclassified analyses which will provide him with information on the extent and character of the Sino-Soviet Bloc economic offensive. Members of the EIC Working Group dealing with this subject do prepare for ICA and senior officials of their respective agencies unclassified staff papers on the subject which are suitable for public release.

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4. The two chief contributors of information and analytical effort within the EIC Working Group are the intelligence organization of State and ORR/CIA. These components have been increasingly responsive to the needs for unclassified data on Soviet economic activities by Congressional leaders and committees and by high-level officers in the Executive Department. At the same time, a substantial amount of research time is allocated to the study of the Bloc economic offensive in attempting to stay abreast of biweekly, quarterly, and semi-annual commitments. Any substantial change of focus would undoubtedly require adjustments in the present production schedule of the Working Group.

5. Classification is individually shown for each item included in the Biweekly. In response to Mr. Smith's suggestion, every effort will be made by the Working Group to declassify individual items or to select suitable unclassified alternatives.

6. The suggestion that unclassified reporting from the field be maximized and explicitly so indicated is really a matter to be decided by the collection agencies. I shall approach this problem informally

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with the State member of EIC. A full-blown response would, it seems, require formal across-the-board consideration by the IAC, which I do not recommend at this time.

7. Attached is a proposed reply to the referenced letter prepared for your signature.



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OFFICE OF
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December 12, 1957

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Regards,

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